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BIRTHS.

DOUGLAS.—On the 18th of December, at Woodford Green, Essex, to Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Douglas, a son. (By cable.) [1480]

POTTER.—On Christmas Day, at 133, The Peak, the wife of ELDON POTTER, of a daughter. [1484]

KELLY.—On December 18th, 1914, at Mount Dwyer, Guernsey, to Mr. and Mrs. U. J. KELLY, a daughter.

DEATH.

MARSHALL.—On December 16th, 1914, in London, FRANCIS JULIAN MARSHALL, formerly of H.B.M.'s Office of Works, Shanghai. Aged 81 years.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 10A, DES VOUX ROAD C.
LONDON OFFICE: 181, FLEET STREET, E.C.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, DECEMBER 28TH, 1914.

ONCE more a Japanese Ministry has been defeated on a proposal to increase the strength of the standing army. In view of the recent bellicose writing and talking by Japanese Chauvinists in regard to the attitude of the Japanese Government towards the future status of Kiaochow, it is, perhaps, necessary at once to remind the reader that this question of increasing the Army is not a new one. Two previous Ministries have come to grief over the same proposal, which dates from the annexation of Korea by Japan. The War Department insists that the stationing of two extra Divisions in Korea is of vital importance to the defence of the Empire, but no other reason has been publicly advanced for this demand than that the Army is still on the same scale as before the annexation of Korea and that it must be obvious that so large an extension of territory involves extra military obligations. On the other hand, it is contended that this is a specious argument which cannot be supported by any proof of real necessity. When Japan annexed Korea the country was seething with discontent and active rebellion, but the garrison has proved equal to every emergency, and to-day, after but a few years of strong and enlightened government, Korea is in a state of prosperity and peaceful content such as she has not known within the memory of the oldest inhabitant. Hence, internal conditions afford no cause for uneasiness as regards the adequacy of the garrison at present maintained in Korea. Nor is there any reason to fear aggression on Russia's part,

since there now exists a complete understanding between Russia and Japan on all the problems which brought about the great war of eight or nine years ago. The cession to Japan of the Russian half of the island of Saghalien, announced in the cables to-day, is but one more proof of the growing cordiality of the relations which now exist between the Governments of those two countries. If, then, Japan has no need to strengthen her defence in Korea against the native population, nor against her Russian neighbour, there remains only China to consider as the menace which Japan must protect herself against in Korea. But the possibility of aggression on the part of China is surely very remote. China is wholly unprepared both from the financial as well as the military point of view for enterprises in any quarter where her troops are likely to come into conflict with foreign troops; and, indeed, so far from any aggressive designs being harboured by the Chinese, the reports from Peking have gone to indicate the prevalence of suspicion and nervous apprehension there of sinister designs on the part of Japan whenever the increase of the garrison in Korea has been discussed. On the other hand the Japanese nation has been assured again and again by responsible ministers that the Government does not contemplate a "forward policy" in China—in other words a policy of aggression. Nothing, however, could be more likely to cause the Chinese people to lose faith in such assurances than for Japan to station in Korea two more Army Divisions. It would be certain to create apprehension and to provoke reply, leading to a steady massing of troops on both sides of the frontier, and ultimately to war. Japan, financially, seems no better able to contemplate such a possibility now than she was three years ago when the question first came up for public discussion, and it is doubtless the financial aspect of the question that has once more influenced the rejection of the proposal by the Diet. The costly war with Russia threw upon the people of Japan a very heavy burden of taxation from which they have since been granted little or no relief. For some years now the political cry of the people has been "retrenchment" in unproductive expenditure, and the repeated rejection of the demand of successive War Ministers for these two extra Divisions, supported though the demand is by the Committee of National Defence, must be regarded simply and solely as a sustained protest against increased military expenditure until the country is in a better position to bear it.

Commodore and Mrs. Anstruther gave an "At Home" to Naval officers and the staff of the Naval Yard on H.M.S. *Tamar* on Christmas Eve, and this annual social function was as usual a great success.

Reuter's Tokyo correspondent states that the Emperor and Empress of Japan have given ¥3,000 to the Salvation Army. This is the first recognition by the Japanese Imperial family of that organization.

The result of working parties last week was 162 garments, which have been sent to Miss Lloyd Thomas, 118, Murray Street, Hoxton, London, for distribution amongst families of soldiers and sailors at the front and Belgian Refugees.

Mr. R. I. Fearon, the well-known exchange broker and interlop polo-player of Shanghai, has been granted a commission as Captain in the Sherwood Rangers. Mr. Fearon left Shanghai for home in May, intending to return in the autumn.

The current issue of the *Gazette* contains despatches from the Secretary of State relating to the Government War Risks Insurance Scheme, exchange of British and Austro-Hungarian civilian subjects, and to the transmission of money and letters to individuals abroad.

The final of the Shanghai Golf Club's championship, over thirty-six holes, was played at Kiangwan last week, and provided one of the most exciting finishes ever seen in Shanghai, although the form shown came somewhat as a disappointment to spectators. The finalists were Captain E. I. M. Barrett and Mr. H. M. Little, the latter winning by one up.

Our attention has been drawn to the fact that the announcement that Major Brierley, D.S.O., had been killed at the front was made in error by one of the London papers. The list in which his name appeared should have been published under the heading "wounded," and not under "now reported killed." The list appears correctly in *The Times* of November 13th.

The Vestry of the Cathedral at Shanghai met last week to consider the invitation sent to the Dean, and subsequently, alternatively, to the Rev. W. H. Price, to act as temporary chaplain of H.M.S. *Triumph*. It was unanimously agreed that the help asked for should be given, and the Rev. W. H. Price will leave Shanghai to join the battleship after Christmas.

The Bishop of Victoria will hold the monthly intercession service at St. Paul's College to-day at 6 p.m.

The *Gazette* announces that H.E. the Governor has been pleased to appoint, under Section 10 of the Medical Registration Ordinance, 1884 (Ordinance No. 1 of 1884), Lieut.-Col. F. W. G. Gordon-Hall, R.A.M.C., Deputy Director of Medical Services, South China Command, to be a member of the Medical Board, vice Colonel J. M. Irwin, resigned, with effect from the 23rd October, 1914.

The friends of Colonel Donald Mackenzie, late Captain-Superintendent of the Shanghai Municipal Police and a former Commandant of the S.V.C., will be pleased to hear, says the *N.C. Daily News*, that he has been promoted to Major and posted to the 8th Battalion East Lancashire Regiment, the Commanding Officer being Colonel Melville, who was second in Command of the Rajputs in Shanghai in 1900.

At the Magistracy on Saturday, before Mr. F. A. Hueland, a Chinese was charged with being a rogue and vagabond, found on enclosed premises, and also with returning from banishment. Defendant was found on a staircase at the French Mission, Pokfulam, where he had formerly been employed as a cook, at 6.15 a.m. on the 18th inst. Inspector P. O'Sullivan said the man had been convicted for stealing from the place and was banished from the Colony in 1912. For returning from banishment, the defendant was sent to prison for six months with four hours' stocks, and, on the charge of being a rogue and vagabond, to one month's hard labour.

MONEY AND LETTERS TO PERSONS
ABROAD.

FOREIGN OFFICE UNABLE TO BEAR ANY RESPONSIBILITY.

The following despatch from the Secretary of State is published in the *Gazette*—

The Foreign Office is unable to undertake any responsibility for the forwarding of money, letters, or messages to individual persons abroad.

Payments of money to British subjects who are detained in an enemy country and unable to return to His Majesty's Dominions do not constitute an infringement of the Trading with the Enemy Proclamation, but it may be found necessary to forward such remittances through a neutral country.

It is suggested that it may be found possible to forward the money through Messrs. Cook & Son or one of the other banks.

Private letters to Germany and Austria-Hungary through neutral countries are now allowed to be forwarded subject to the usual conditions of censorship. Letters cannot, however, be forwarded direct to Germany or Austria-Hungary. British subjects and others wishing to communicate with friends in enemy countries must forward their letters through an agency in a neutral country, and correspondents may select their own private agency. Letters should not, however, be sent through British or Foreign Embassies, Legations, or Consulates in neutral countries. Messrs. Cook & Son have, it is understood, expressed their willingness to arrange for the transmission of such letters, and applications for information as to the necessary stamps, etc., should be made to them.

Letters intended for transmission to enemy countries should be as brief as possible, should contain nothing but personal matter, and should, if possible, be written in the German language.

It should be noted that the Foreign Office, in making the above suggestions, cannot guarantee the safe delivery of either money or letters.

TUNG WA HOSPITAL RELIEF FUND.

The Tung Wa Hospital begs to acknowledge with thanks the following donations to the Flood Relief Fund—

Chinese Association, New Zealand £292 24/10
Transvaal Chinese United Club, and the Cantonese Club £293 2/00
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DEATH OF MR. J. A. MAITLAND.

In recording the death of Mr. John Andrew Maitland, head of the well-known Shanghai firm of Maitland & Co., the *Shanghai Mercury* says the deceased, who had reached the age of 75, was a well-known and highly popular member of the community during the time he was resident in Shanghai, and the news of his demise will be received with sincere regret. A man of splendid physique, the late Mr. Maitland enjoyed practically perfect health until a few months ago, when he contracted a chill, from which he never fully recovered.

The deceased gentleman, familiarly known by his older friends as "Jam," came to Shanghai over 30 years ago for the firm of Thorne Bros. Subsequently the name of the firm was changed to Maitland & Co., with the deceased as chief. In 1872 Mr. Maitland started the first piece-goods auction in Shanghai, and after his return home to take charge of the London branch of the firm his two cousins, Mr. F. J. Maitland and Mr. Harry Maitland, became associated with the local business. While in Shanghai the deceased was interested in many important commercial enterprises, and was a director of the Union Insurance Society of Canton and of the Mercantile Bank. He was also interested in tea plantations in Ceylon.

A splendid all-round athlete, the deceased was keenly interested in rowing, boxing, fencing, and cross-country riding. He was also one of the original members of the Mah Ho Loong fire company, which became a semi-military body at the time of the Tientsin massacre in 1870.

A GRIFFIN'S CHRISTMAS
DIARY.

Unless the sun shines and nature smiles at you radiantly from everywhere, or if you have not successfully cultivated the habit of being happy under any circumstances, a Hongkong Christmas is likely to prove the opposite to jovial; and I am speaking now for those of us who have not risked matrimony with all its householding terrors and mortifications. You may look forward to Christmas, in the light ordinary existence in the Colony, with great expectations, as many have done before; but the same old illusion will follow. To enjoy Christmas at all everything has to be right and proper from the moment of rising; and even then imagination has to be utilised to garb the Peak in snow and to rein it with toboggan runs.

This Christmas time was never right. It was only at rare intervals that we could drag our thoughts away to lighter topics, and even these digressions were extremely transient. We would quickly picture ourselves one of a company whose faces glowed, then vanished, and then reappeared all aglow once more, the unconscious work of a real log fire. And glasses would chink musically and toasts for those at Home be drunk with a zest. Home! That deeply pregnant word dispelled the healthy and glowing vision. We pictured Home, perhaps not our own particular habitation, but other homes. There was a circle of faces round the fire, and they were played upon by the flickering glows of a fire which seemed disconsolate and melancholy. And the faces momentarily illumined were sad, and tears sparkled on cheeks which were pale; each fact was set grimly, and in the corner was an empty chair—the cause of the sadness was explained. And only the fretful spitting of the log—it was more like a sigh of resignation—disturbed the sad silence. Then another picture came. It was a camp fire and in the amber reflections muffled forms of men could be seen. A sickly, pale moon made the canvas look ghastly and the men who were pacing to and fro like so many spectres only added to the unnerving scene. The picture became very real. There was sudden commotion. Muffled forms came to life and stalwart men prepared themselves for battle. In the next minute the air was full of the screaming of gun-fire and the groaning of men. Gradually the fighting waned and then all was still again. The camp fire had ceased to glow, but the moon quietly revealed forms of men quite still, with their faces to the sky. It was a sickening picture in the face of which a hint of Xmas cheer and joviality would have frozen on the lips. Thoughts like these, even to the brutally philosophical, made Christmas, as we have usually known it, a very distant and out-of-place sort of day.

And how did Christmas day actually dawn? It came in keeping with the times; dull and miserable. I looked for some semblance of Christmas, but the monotonous falling of the rain from a dirty grey sky obliterated everything. Christmas day greeted me with a frightfully sad visage, and before I had dressed each article of clothing and the other knick-knacks which go to complete a Briton's toilet had been brutally handled, the room boy wished me a "Merry Xmas" with a demoniacal Chinese smile—it seemed so to me in my semi-dazed condition at any rate—but he left hurriedly, when he saw that "Merry" was the opposite to my appearance and manner. At breakfast people with very long faces which seemed to have robbed the sky of some of its leaden rouge wished me the compliments of the season in a key which would have been more appropriate to a dark passage in Hamlet. A few people slouched about in the rain, and my Christmas morning was spent merely in waiting for something to happen; I did not care really in what form. This meant more pipes than was usual at good, and by five-time my head became leaden. The same dull-grey collection surrounded the "festive" board—we could not have been less jovial if it had been an undertaker's board in legitimate use, and the same boring commonplace complete the grey picture. I had had enough and determined upon passing the remainder of this glorious Christmas day in bed. Upon my dressing table was a small chit; it was an invitation to dinner, etc., from one whom I had never dreamed cared so much. "Come and spend the evening with the wife and me and a few friends." A great load disappeared, and I eventually smiled at the "boy" who, however, looked at me with some misgiving—the change was so complete.

The dinner with its subsequent pleasanties was an entire success. Everyone seemed hungry, and all had a healthy laugh and keen appreciation of enjoyment. The hours had swallows wings. I returned to my quarters healthily tired and at peace with everyone. But before sleep came my thoughts travelled to that sad circle of faces and the vacant chair, and I dwelt with reverence on those still forms in the moonlight. Perhaps I murmured a prayer in which His loving influence was pleaded for on behalf of those who cannot smile on this day when He was given to the world as a living symbol of "peace on earth and good-will towards men."

CHRISTMAS IN HONGKONG.
TRADITIONALLY QUIET.

Christmas time in Hongkong was traditionally unostentatious; and the uncertain state of the weather, along with the pall of war, did not tend to encourage any festive out-door show. There were the usual special services at the various places of worship in the Colony and sportsmen who were not made of sugar played golf, cricket and football with complete indifference to a drizzling rain. Several hundred must have been so employed at different hours on Christmas Day and bank-holiday. The streets were deserted in the evenings, but the picture theatres did good business, and to judge by the warm glows in the windows of the private residences there were many who spent Christmas evening in the traditional manner. In another column a griffin has written his Christmas diary, which gives an insight into how many passed the festive day.

CHRISTMAS AT THE CHURCHES.

There were the usual services at all the Churches in the Colony on Christmas Day, and the bad weather militated but little against the congregations, which were uniformly good.

At St. John's Cathedral, there was a special Holy Communion service at 7.45 a.m., the officiating clergy being the Bishop of Victoria (Dr. Lander), and the Revs. C. B. Shann, W. W. Rogers, and Martin. A second Communion service was held at noon, the number of communicants at both services exceeding 300. There was a large congregation at the ordinary service at 11 o'clock, the Bishop of Victoria being the preacher. The Cathedral choir sang the anthem "As Pants the Hart," the solo being taken by Master T. Martin. The Cathedral was effectively adorned with palms, ferns, and plants, this being the work of the following ladies of the congregation:—Mrs. Stedman and Mrs. Baker-Brown, Misses May, Baker-Brown, Croes, Cunningham, and MacDonald. A collection at the 11 o'clock service for the Diocesan Girls' School and Orphanage realised the satisfactory sum of \$384.35.

Two services for communicants were held at the Peak Church at 7 and 8 a.m., the Chaplain of the Cathedral (Rev. V. Copley) officiating. The tasteful decoration of the interior of the Church was the work of Mrs. Pamfret and Mrs. Barton. The Vicar (Rev. N. C. Pope) officiated at all three services at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, at which the congregations were large. The Church was suitably embellished, Mrs. Packham being responsible for the pretty adornment of the pulpit.

The service at the Union Church was conducted by the Rev. T. W. Pearce, of the London Mission, the Minister (Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald) being still indisposed. The midnight Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception was attended by a very numerous congregation. Bishop Pozzo, celebrated, assisted by the Cathedral clergy, and afterwards said a Low Mass for communicants.

BISHOP OF VICTORIA'S CHRISTMAS
SERMON.

"THE MADNESS OF THE NATIONS."

"The shadow of the greatest war in history is over all hearts, and leaves our minds but little attuned to feasting. The flower of our manhood is at this hour wrestling in deadly conflict for all that we hold dear. All that the wisdom and the valour of our fathers has wrought for a thousand years is at stake. Our fairest hopes, our noblest aspirations hang upon the issue. The magnitude and the gravity of the struggle weigh heavily upon us all. Opening with the foregoing striking words, the Bishop of Victoria based his Christmas Day message on the words of St. Paul:—"Let us keep the feast." Despite the shadow of the war, added the Bishop, it was well that time-honoured institutions should be kept up. "So ran *The Times* leader on the Lord Mayor's banquet, but we have come here to keep an infinitely higher festival. The awful cruel and unnecessary sufferings of millions of men, women and children in Europe, the madness of the nations, and the letting loose of the fiends of Hell, the sighing of broken hearts, and the nervous tension of anxiety for dear ones at the front, shall not silence the Divine call to 'keep the feast.' Many things emphasise it, for never since angels sang to the shepherds at Bethlehem has their song of 'Peace on earth and good-will to men' been more needed, and never have the nations of the world been so anxiously longing for it. Never has our refusal to let Christ reign over national relationships been so deeply regretted. But let us 'keep the feast,' for it is the festival of our faith."

Emphasising the word "faith," the Bishop said that some people stumble at the miracle of virgin birth, and he would not discourage any honest doubter groping, or say a word to make him feel unwelcome. However, he must bear testimony to his conviction. For so unique a person, why not a unique birth? After speaking of the purely spiritual side of Christmas, and dwelling on "Hope," the preacher said that there was something wrong with any nation if its married women were unwilling to give birth to future citizens, and perhaps this tendency is one of the causes of the awful judgment upon European nations to-day. John Ruskin had said most truthfully that of all the virtues "Hope" was the most distinctive Christian, and this referred to the race as well as to the individual life. Of the confusion and anguish of the world there was no mistake, but everything depended upon the interpretation of the waiting creation. Said the pessimistic philosophy:—"The world is in its death throes, it heaves with mortal agony, its groan is the death-rattle." But Christianity said:—"No, the whole creation groans and travaileth in pain in the birth pang of a grander world that is now coming into the light; and the sorrow of the present time shall soon be forgotten for joy that a new pure earth has been born into the sweet brotherhood of the stars."

C.R.

TELEGRAM.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

JAPANESE DIET DISSOLVED.

REFUSES TO APPROVE A LARGER ARMY.

LONDON, December 26th.

A message from Tokyo says that the Diet has rejected the proposed increase in the Army. The Diet has been dissolved.

ELLIS-KADOORIE SCHOOL.

The *Gazette* announces that the above School, through the generosity of Mr. Ellis Kadoorie, will be taken over by the Government from the 1st of January, 1915. The fees will be \$30 per annum, being \$3 a month in each of the ten school months of the year.

CARGO AT TSINGTAU.

The *Gazette* contains the following notification from the Consul-General of Japan, which has been forwarded to him by the Government:—

Cargo which has been landed at the Tsingtau wharves and which was found intact at the time of the capitulation is at present safe in the custody of the Japanese Military Authorities. The marks, numbers and quantities of the goods, as well as the formalities necessary for their recovery were to be published on the 21st December at Tsingtau. The formalities may be summarized thus:—The goods will be handed over to persons who present bills of lading, or receipts issued by the former Wharf Office of Tsingtau, or other reliable certificates, and also to persons who deposit in cash the value of the goods, on and after the 28th December. (No goods under any circumstances will be delivered to German and Austrian subjects.) Goods that have not been thus delivered by the 1st of April next will be detained in the custody of the authorities until the 1st of June, when they will be confiscated provided that in the meantime no demand has been made for them in the manner mentioned above.

BRITONS IN AUSTRIA.

RECIPROCAL EXCHANGE.

The *Gazette* contains the following despatch from the Secretary of State relative to the arrangements which have been made for the reciprocal exchange of British and Austro-Hungarian civilian subjects detained in the respective countries:—

Arrangements have been made for the reciprocal exchange of British and Austro-Hungarian subjects (civilians) at present detained in Austria-Hungary and the United Kingdom respectively.

The Austro-Hungarian Government agree to facilitate the departure from Austria-Hungary of the following classes of British subjects:—

- 1.—Women and children.
- 2.—Males outside the limits of military age, i.e., those under 18 or over 50.
- 3.—Males of military age who are clearly unsuited for military service or unlikely to serve, such as physicians, surgeons, clergymen, priests, and the medically unfit.

EFFECT OF A HEAVY SHELL.

An officer attached to the Royal West Kent Regiment tells the following story of the result of the Germans' heavy shells:—

"There is a man in this regiment here now who had an experience. He was standing with another man behind the trenches when one burst. One man was never seen again, even in bits, and an enormous hole was made; but the other fellow was found hanging head downwards 15ft. up a tree. They got him down, and found his rifle among the branches; and except that he couldn't speak or hear for two days—he was none the worse and is now back with his company."

GERMAN INTRIGUE IN THE
UNITED STATES.

Writing from Washington *The Times* correspondent says:—"The New York World" draws attention to what it believes is another example of German intrigue. It notes that a story is current in Washington that Japan is trying to consolidate its standing with the Allies so as to strengthen its position in the California Land Law controversy. The purpose of the story, which, it is stated, emanated from high German diplomatic quarters, is described as being "to arouse an anti-Japanese sentiment in this country by leading the public to believe that the Japanese Government is merely seeking to put itself in readiness to strike this country." According to the Washington *Herald* the business has caused considerable annoyance in official circles.

The profits of the Kuala Lumpur Rubber Company for the year to June 30th amounted to \$20,228, exclusive of \$11,191 brought forward. The directors propose to transfer to reserve \$12,500, and to pay a final dividend of 7½ per cent., without deduction of tax, making 22½ per cent. for the year, leaving \$11,670 to be carried forward. The yield of rubber was 1,193,821lb., against an estimate of 1,136,000lb. The average gross price for the whole crop is estimated at \$3.30d. per lb. The cost, excluding only income-tax, was \$2.13d. per lb., showing a reduction as compared with 1912 of 3.17d. per lb. The estimated yield for the current year is 1,400,000lb.

THE WAR.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE STRUGGLE IN FRANCE AND BELGIUM.

FIGHTING DURING CHRISTMAS.

LONDON, December 25th.
4.50 a.m.

The Paris evening official communiqué says:—

North of Lys the enemy bombarded the approaches to the Ypres-Commines road and the roads from Langemark, but delivered no attack.

Our troops made slight progress on the front at La Boisselle, north-east of Albert.

A German attack last night at St. Mard Wood, east of Tracy-le-Val, was repulsed.

We are improving the trenches captured on Tuesday near Puissalleune and the ground taken in the district of Sapt, near Launois, north of St. Die, has been held and strengthened.

7.05 p.m.

To-day's Paris communiqué says:—

There have been intermittent artillery engagements in Belgium.

We progressed in the region of Vermelles, seized part of the village of Boisselle, to the north-east of Albert, and also progressed in the Lihons district. These attacks were most dashing and everywhere we retained the ground won.

Our artillery south of the Oise wrecked enemy positions at Bailly and on the plateau of Nouvron, while there have been artillery duels and several infantry attacks on the Aisne and in Champagne, which we repulsed, especially near Berry-au-Bac, where we advanced slightly and completely defeated a strong counter-attack.

Our previous progress at Perthes and Mesnil was followed up and consolidated. We took to the northward of Mesnil a strong fortified wood.

We are now masters of the whole of the enemy's first line of defence in these regions.

At Bois-de-la-Grurie, Bagatelle, Fontaine Madame, and St. Hubert we threw back five attacks, and preserved our front.

We advanced between Argonne and the Meuse, despite the snow, for, along the whole front from Bourguettes to Vanquies, our heavy artillery forces overcame the enemy's batteries and quick-firers, allowing the infantry to dash forward.

Our artillery also compelled the enemy to evacuate several trenches at Ailly and Apremont.

We have advanced within 1,500 metres of Ciry.

LONDON, December 26th.
1.33 a.m.

The Paris official evening communiqué states:—We have made a slight advance from Nieuport. An attack by the enemy at Notre Dame-de-Lorette, north of Lens, was repulsed. We captured another trench this morning near Puissalleune and held the ground, notwithstanding several counter-attacks. The enemy last night made vigorous but unsuccessful attacks in the Vosges at Teie-de-Faux.

6.15 p.m.

To-day's Paris communiqué says: There has been cannonading from the sea to Lys, but snow and fog interfered with the operations. We repulsed, between the Lys and the Oise, counter-attacks on Nouletts Boisselles, and Lihons. One trench was lost and recaptured. We learn that a very strong German attack was repulsed at Chivy. North-east of Soopir our artillery silenced batteries which were bombarding the trenches we recently captured. Two strong counter-attacks were repulsed on Thursday night.

There were fresh counter-attacks yesterday at Perthes. They were particularly violent along a front of 1,500 metres, being executed by important effectives, but they were completely checked. There is nothing to report in the Argonne, and between the Meuse and Moselle. We made appreciable progress in upper Alsace, where we reached, in front of Cerroy, the edge of the woods on the hills westward of the town. We maintained our positions. We occupy the outskirts of Aspache despite counter-attacks.

LONDON, December 27th.

The Paris evening communiqué says there is nothing important to report from any part of the front.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

RUSSIAN TERRITORY CEDED TO JAPAN.

AN EXCHANGE FOR HEAVY GUNS.

LONDON, December 28th.

A Washington message states that the Japanese Embassy has received official advice that Russia has ceded to Japan its half of the island of Saghalin in return for heavy guns.

The other half of the island was ceded to Japan at the end of the Russo-Japanese war.

The southern half of the island was ceded to Japan by Russia at the close of the war. It is 9,924 sq. miles in extent, with a population of about 25,000. The area of the northern half of the island which Russia now cedes to Japan is given as 14,668 sq. miles with a population of 14,500. The most important industry of the island is the herring fishery, but large areas are fit for agriculture and pasturage and Japanese settlers have been provided with seed and domestic animals. There is a vast forest of larch and fir trees. The minerals found are coal and alluvial gold.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

THE RUSSIAN OPERATIONS.

357,540 PRISONERS IN RUSSIA.

LONDON, December 25th.
6.35 p.m.

A Petrograd message states that the number of German prisoners in Russia on the 23rd inst. was 1,140 officers and 131,737 men. The Austrian prisoners in Russia total 3,186 officers and 221,447 men.

WADING THROUGH ICY WATER FOR A BAYONET CHARGE.

LONDON, December 26th.
2.45 a.m.

A Petrograd official announcement states that there is no change to report on the whole front on the left bank of the Vistula and in Galicia. The Germans, on the 23rd inst. and all the next day, delivered attacks chiefly in the region of Sochaczew and Bolimow, but all were repulsed. Fighting continues on the bank of the Pilica. During the development of our offensive on the spurs of the Carpathians two regiments crossed the Jasolka, wading to their waists in icy water, and under a murderous fire dislodged the Austrians from their positions with the bayonet, and captured 154 prisoners.

10.15 p.m.

A Petrograd communiqué says that the general position on the left bank of the Vistula shows no essential change. The fighting between the lower Vistula and the Pilica was less desperate, except in the region adjacent to the Pilica, where there was violent fighting day and night. The fighting with the Austrians in the lower Nida was of the same desperate character. We took 68 officers and 4,000 men in the fighting on Thursday. The whole of the front in Galicia is favourable to the Russian arms.

LONDON, December 26th.
6.15 p.m.

A Paris communiqué says:—

The Russians have inflicted considerable losses on the enemy at Bzura, while the battles northward, although obstinately contested, are proceeding under conditions favourable to the Russians.

A GERMAN ADMISSION OF DEFEAT.

LONDON, December 26th.
6.35 p.m.

A message from Amsterdam says that to-night's Berlin communiqué makes an important admission. It says "We have ceased our attacks at Bzura," and the other passages indicate that the Russians are taking the ground.

LONDON, December 27th.

A telegram from Amsterdam says that an Austrian communiqué states that the Russians in Galicia have continued the offensive which they recently began, and have re-captured, with superior forces, Krosnojeslo. The Austrians recaptured the Ysok Pass after four days' fighting. The situation in the Balkans is quiet.

FURTHER DETAILS.

[BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIAL TELEGRAM.]

The Russian Headquarters report that the operations yesterday were favourable to the Russians on all fronts. The most conspicuous success was on the rivers Nida and Dunajetz, and in the Carpathians. Between the lower Vistula and Pilica, the Germans concentrated their efforts to cross Bzura and Rawka, with a view to advancing on Skerniewice. The Russian counter-attacks drove back the enemy across the river to their old positions, and inflicted enormous losses. In the region of Skerniewice alone 1,000 dead Germans were counted. The Russians made progress in the region of Opocz.

In Galicia, South of the Vistula, the Russians captured, on 26th and 27th, 66 officers and 3,600 men, 3 guns, and 10 machine-guns. In the Carpathians, during the retreat of the Austrians, the Russians captured a further 30 officers and 1,500 men.

Near Przemyśl a fresh attempt at a sortie by the Austrians was defeated. Advance guards of the enemy were annihilated.

[OFFICIAL TELEGRAMS FROM THE BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE.]

AN EGYPTIAN GIFT.

A hospital train has been placed at the disposal of the military authorities in Egypt through the generosity of the Egyptian Red Crescent Society, which contributed \$1,000 to this end.

RUSSIAN DESTROYERS BOMBARD TURKISH VILLAGES.

Russian destroyers in the Black Sea bombarded that coast and villages south of Batoum where Turkish troops were concentrated. Four fully-laden feluccas were sunk.

[FURTHER TELEGRAMS WILL BE FOUND ON PAGE 7.]

THE COAL INDUSTRY IN GERMANY.

Although there is an enormous mass of unemployment in Germany generally, remarks the *Coal Merchant and Shipper*, the war has not made so much difference in Rhenish Westphalia so far as the collieries are concerned. Of the 420,000 men employed in the Lower Rhine and Westphalian district about 180,000 have gone to the front, including the most efficient miners, and a large number of unemployed men have been taken on, but they are unskilled. In other trades, there are many thousands of unemployed, and still more thousands working half-time. There are also in Ruhr thousands of clerks, shop assistants, etc., out of employment, and the shopkeepers are in a bad way. The colliery industry itself is now busier, though it suffered particularly during the month of August, owing to wagon shortage. Not a few mines worked only one to four days per week. The negotiations regarding the renewal of the coal syndicate have come to a complete standstill. In the Saar the coal produced in August was only 197,250 tons, as compared with 1,012,051 tons in August, 1913.

GERMANIZING THE MENU.

The resolve of the Germans to be exclusively German and to expel even from their menus all foreign words has led to the compilation of a small book which goes over the whole ground of the kitchen and supplies substitutes for the very numerous foreign words at present applied to a variety of German dishes. Some of the new titles provoke humorous comments from the German papers. The "Deli-katessen" for which Germany is famous are henceforth to be known only as Leckerleien or tit-bits.

Sauces are a cause of great trouble. Hitherto they have been called by the French word. From this time forth they have to be described by "Beigüsse," of which the translation is "supplementary fluids," and so Fricassee sauce will bear the name of "White chicken or calves supplementary fluid." A mutton chop will be rendered, "Double mutton loin piece"; beef steak is a "pounded loin piece"; and Irish stew, "mutton in the pot in citizen's fashion."

WAR NEWS.

GERMAN RULE IN OSTEND.

A high official of the Belgian Government, who reached London from Ostend recently, gave to a representative of *The Times* some account of life in that town under German rule.

The immediate result of the German occupation of Ostend has been to bring the native inhabitants, of whom 20,000 remain, with a population of over twice the number, face to face with the possibility of a famine. The policy of the invaders since they first set foot in the town has been to commandeer all food and drink for their own use and to leave the unfortunate Belgians to subsist on what they could procure.

The severity of military rule has been materially increased. Now nobody is permitted to leave his house except upon specific business. Infringement of this regulation means death without trial.

There has been ample evidence in Ostend to support the allegations of drunkenness in the German Army. Officers may be seen daily in the streets with champagne bottles stuffed into their pockets. Occasionally they become sufficiently intoxicated to fight each other, and recently, at the Palace Hotel, two Germans were killed in a brawl of this character. A favourite pastime of the private soldier is to force a Belgian child to swallow champagne until he becomes intoxicated and then laugh at his antics.

In Ostend, as elsewhere in Belgium, there has been a great deal of pillaging. Goods of any value, from small objects in gold and silver to pianos, are commandeered without hesitation and in many cases sent to Germany. A horse or a cow is paid for with a receipt written in German, and when the recipient is able to get someone to translate for him he discovers it to mean that he is to be paid with "two kisses" or "two girls in Berlin." It is to be placed to the credit of the invaders that they have not molested the women in Ostend.

GERMAN HATRED OF ENGLAND.

"Every one has read in the newspapers recently about the hatred of Germany for England," observes a special correspondent of *The Express* who has just returned from a visit to the former country, "but only those who have been in Germany and have heard the expression of that hatred from German lips can realise its almost incredible intensity. The detestation which people in England express for the conduct of the Germans towards Belgium is really moderate compared with the unrestrained fury of the Germans when they speak of England. There will be nothing left of London worth looking at, they tell you, when the German army has done with it. It will be a blackened ruin, and there will not be a public building left with one stone standing on top of another. It will be consumed with fire east upon it by the German fleet of aeroplanes, and all that the Londoners will have left will be eyes to weep with over the desolation of London's ruins."

"When a German talks to you of England he completely forgets Russia and France. They don't matter. He cares nothing about them. He may make terms with them one of these days, but with England he will make terms—never. This unexampled hatred by the German Government, that England was responsible for the war."

GERMANY'S GRIM DETERMINATION.

"The lasting impression one gets in Germany," says a keen and impartial observer who has just returned from that country—"is that the people, from the highest classes down to the lowest, are serious; there is no frivolity whatever about them: they are fighting a war, a holy war, as they regard it, for their existence, for their right to a place in the sun; when they send their sons, husbands, and brothers to the front they go with this almost religious feeling that they are fighting for the Fatherland and in a just cause."

"Foreigners may smile and say the German nation have been misled by their Government, but they, the German people, do not see it in that light. They are perfectly certain that their cause is just, and they will fight for this cause till the bitter end and with an enthusiasm and a stubbornness which cannot be denied or minimised."

"A nation stirred up by this feeling is strong and not easily beaten, and it may set an example to the British nation, who perhaps as a whole do not yet realise what a war like this means. Living in what they believe to be an impregnable island gives the British people a feeling of security which does not make them so ready as the Germans, one and all, to take up arms to defend the cause of their country."

A NEW ENGINE OF WAR.

According to a private message from Berlin received at Copenhagen, the Austrians, in their attack on the Serbian positions outside Belgrade, used a remarkable engine of war for the first time. It is constructed on the principle of the ancient Roman catapult and throws barrels filled with stones and explosives at a high trajectory into the enemy's positions with terrible effect, the stones being split up into thousands of pieces and hurled over a wide area.

The range of these weapons is necessarily small, but for the warfare on the Danube they have proved peculiarly effective.

The message adds that numerous transports are coming up the Danube towards Belgrade loaded with empty beer barrels for the new engine.

THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

MIXED FOURSOMES COMPETITION AT FANLING.

The Royal Hongkong Golf Club held a Mixed Foursomes Medal Competition on the Fanling course on Boxing-day. After the recent rains, the greens were in excellent condition. Out of the 34 couples that entered for the competition, only two scratched, and thus little modification was necessary in the carefully-made arrangements. The first prize was won by Miss Kelly and Captain Heath, 104-12, 62, and Mrs. Turner and Mr. Parr, 108-16, 62. The couples replayed the first two holes under match-play conditions. At the first hole the competitors halved in 6, but at the second hole Miss Kelly and Captain Heath won in 5-6. Mrs. Turner and Mr. Parr therefore won the second prize. The third award went to Mrs. Stair-Stewart and Mr. Cary, 95-5, 93. For the fourth prize there was again a keen contest, and it was ultimately divided between Miss Wilkinson and Rev. Tichborne, 104-10, 94, and Miss D. Gordon and Mr. T. A. Loughlin, 118-24, 94. The hidden number prize went to Mrs. T. E. Pearce and Mr. Bowker.

SCORES.

The results were as follows:—

	Score.	Handicap.	Net.
Miss Kelly and Captain Heath	104	12	92
Mrs. G. F. Turner and Mr. Parr	108	16	92
Mrs. Stair-Stewart and Mr. Cary	95	5	93
Miss Wilkinson and Rev. Tichborne	104	10	94
Miss D. Gordon and Mr. T. A. Loughlin	118	24	94
Mrs. MacDougall and Mr. MacDougall	114	19	95
Mrs. N. J. Smith and Mr. Smith	116	21	95
Mrs. Gedge and Mr. Grist	100	3	97
Mrs. Baker-Brown and Mr. T. W. Hill	110	12	98
Mrs. Ritchie and Mr. Ritchie	117	18	99
Mrs. Beavis and Mr. Bulmer-Johnson	120	20	100
Miss Caldwell and Mr. A. E. Davison	121	19	102
Mrs. Gale and Mr. Gale	114	11	103
Miss Cunningham and Mr. Cunningham	115	12	103
Mrs. Spencer Bernard and Elect-Surgeon Spencer Bernard	122	19	103
Mrs. R. Hancock and Mr. Beavis	122	19	103
Mrs. Rayner and Mr. J. A. Gray	123	25	103
Miss Baker-Brown and Colonel Baker-Brown	131	27	104
Mrs. Moxon and Mr. K. M. Manning	100	3	106
Mrs. F. Maitland and Mr. F. Maitland	133	27	106
Mrs. R. D. Harvey and Mr. R. D. Harvey	128	21	107
Mrs. Bewick and Mr. Bewick	127	19	108
Miss M. Rodger and Mr. Bennett	125	15	110
Mrs. T. E. Pearce and Mr. Bowker	129	18	111
Mrs. Carleton and Mr. Carleton	132	21	111
Miss Alex. Gordon and Mr. Wodehouse	133	22	111
Mrs. E. D. C. Wolfe and Mr. A. H. G. Jackson	135	23	112
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J. SMITH,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 26th December, 1914. [1491]



GOVERNMENT BILLS, ETC.

TENDERS FOR SPECIES AND MEXICAN DOLLARS, current in this Colony, for Telegraphic Transfer on the Lords Commissioners of HIS MAJESTY'S TREASURY, London, up to and for the sum of £20,000, will be received by the TREASURY CHEST OFFICER, ARMY PAY DEPARTMENT, until 11 a.m. on the 28th December, 1914.

The Tenders to state the total amount (in Pounds Sterling). No Telegraphic Transfer will be made for less than £100.

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J. O'HARA, Colonel, A.P.D.,
Treasury Chest Officer.
His Majesty's Treasury Office,
Hongkong, 26th December, 1914. [1492]

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O. WUHU,
Acting Agent.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1914. [1493]

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Hongkong, 21st December, 1914. [1472]

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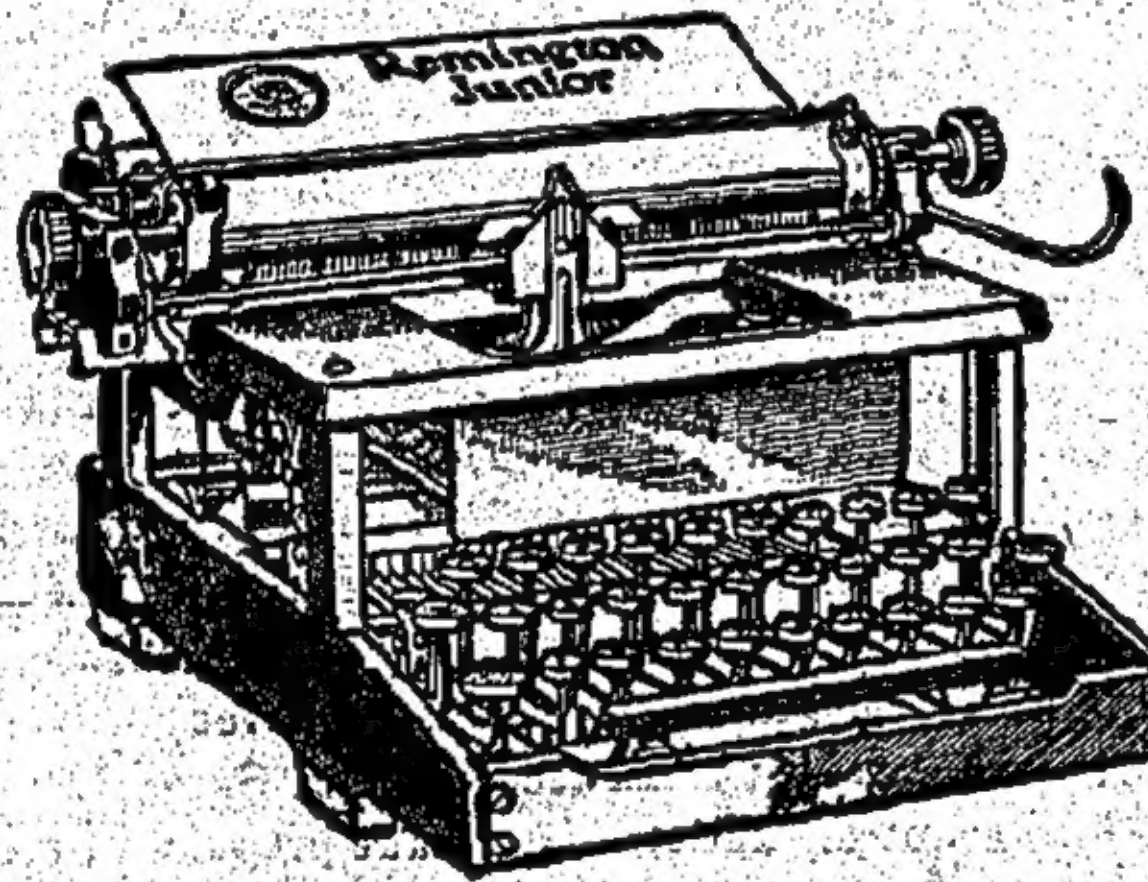
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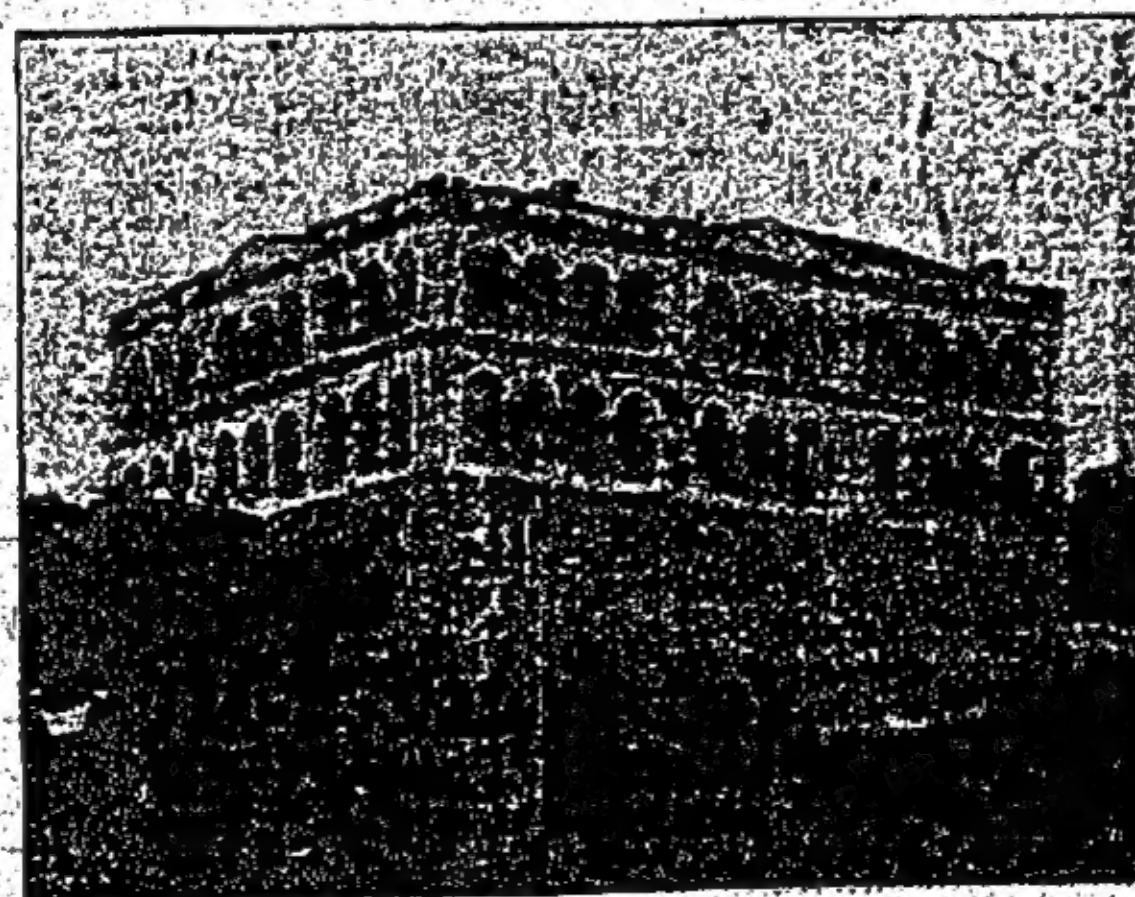
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ANGLO-AMERICAN SYMPATHY.

CENTENARY OF THE PEACE TREATY OF GHENT.

LONDON, December 24th.
5.20 p.m.

To-day is the centenary of the Peace Treaty of Ghent.

The papers in editorials point out that, though the celebrations are overshadowed by the war, they gain in significance by the vindication of our motives in the war.

As an illustration of the unshakable basis upon which Anglo-American sympathy is founded the British Committee announces that the plans for the celebration will be renewed at the end of the war.

Earl Grey, acting on behalf of the British Committee, has cabled fraternal greetings to Colonel Roosevelt, the President of the American Committee.

GERMAN AVIATOR DROPS A BOMB IN DOVER.

LONDON, December 24th.
2.55 p.m.

The Official Press Bureau announces that a German aeroplane appeared over Dover at 11 o'clock in the morning, and dropped a bomb, which exploded in a garden. No damage was caused. The aeroplane was seen for only a few seconds, and left overcast. British aircraft immediately ascended, but the enemy was not seen again owing to the cloudy and foggy weather.

GERMAN AIRCRAFT OVER SHEERNESS.

LONDON, December 25th.
11.45 p.m.

The War Office announces that a hostile aeroplane was sighted at 12.30 this afternoon flying very high, east to west, over Sheerness. Aircraft ascended in pursuit and engaged the enemy, who, after being hit three or four times, was driven off seawards.

AUSTRIAN SUBMARINE ATTACKS FRENCH BATTLESHIP.

LONDON, December 24th.
4.30 p.m.

A Paris official announcement says that an Austrian submarine launched two torpedoes at a French battleship in the Straits of Otranto. One of the torpedoes hit the battleship, but caused little damage. There were no casualties.

THE AUSTRIAN EMPEROR.

LONDON, December 24th.
5.20 a.m.

It is rumoured in Rome that the aged Emperor Francis Joseph is dying and has received the last sacraments.

A message from Amsterdam says that the Emperor Francis Joseph is celebrating Christmas with his family at Schoenbrunn.

FRENCH WAR CREDITS.

LONDON, December 24th.
5.20 a.m.

A telegram from Paris says that Parliament voted, unanimously, amid cheers, war credits exceeding 341 millions sterling. Parliament then adjourned indefinitely.

[OFFICIAL TELEGRAM FROM CHIEF OF GENERAL STAFF, INDIA.]

THE SITUATION IN INDIA.

December 24th.

The situation continues most satisfactory. The frontier is quiet. Recruiting has never been better, including trans-frontier Pathans. Considerably increased rates for wound, injury and family pension of Indian troops have been sanctioned.

[TELEGRAMS FROM THE BRITISH FOREIGN OFFICE.]

RUSSIAN OPERATIONS AGAINST THE TURKS.

LONDON, December 24th.

The Russian Caucasus Staff report that the Turks have been defeated in the region of Van with severe losses. The Russians captured a mountain gun.

MUNIFICENT GIFTS TO THE ARMY BY INDIAN PRINCES.

LONDON, December 24th.

The King has accepted a fleet of motor ambulances as a Christmas Gift to the British Army and Navy from the Maharajas of Gwalior. The Maharajah and Begum of Bhopal are providing a hospital ship and the Maharajah has contributed £38,000 towards the Relief Funds.

"GERMANY'S GREAT DANGER."

The Norddeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung says the great danger for Germany is the stoppage of the import of saltpetre. This would result in a lack of nitrogen, which would lessen the harvest and also entail a shortage of ammunition and explosives.

The same paper also urges stricter measures for regulating the price of corn before it is too late.

ROUNDING UP THE REBELS IN SOUTH AFRICA.

The Governor-General of South Africa reports a further capture of rebels.

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GUENTHER, British str., 3,050, Jones, 25th December—Shanghai 22nd December, General.—Sheehan, Tones & Co.

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LAURET, British str., 1,350, A. Jenkins, 27th December—Saigon 22nd December, Rice.—Chinese.

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Per Chikyo Maru, from Hongkong, from San Francisco, etc., Mr. M. Geary, Mr. H. F. Hungerford, Mr. H. P. Linnell, Miss Gladys Linnell and maid, Capt. N. Smith, Mr. C. Xuto, from Yokohama, Mr. A. S. Hooper, from Kobe, Mr. L. Adams, Mr. Y. Kawamori, Mrs. Scott, infant and servant, Mr. T. Senga, Mr. K. Uchida, from Shanghai, Mr. C. E. Benjamin, Mr. E. H. Doubleday, Mr. J. E. Joseph, Mr. H. Lester, Mrs. Massie, Mr. G. F. Okey and Mr. E. B. Waite.

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VESSELS ADVERTISED AS LOADING

To ascertain the anchorage of any Vessel, the Harbour has been divided into Four Sections commencing from Green Island. Vessels anchoring nearest Kowloon are marked "1," nearest Hongkong "2," midway between Hongkong and Kowloon "3," and those vessels berthed at the Kowloon Wharf "4," together with the number denoting the section.

1. From Green Island to the Harbour Master's. 2. From Harbour Master's to Blake Pier. 3. From Blake Pier to Naval Yard. 4. From Naval Yard to East Point.

DESTINATION	VESSEL'S NAME	FLAG & REG	DEPT	CAPTAIN	FOR FREIGHT APPLY TO	TO BE DESPATCHED
LONDON...	MERIONETHSHIRE	Brit. str.	—	W. H. Swamy, R.N.	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	To-morrow.
LONDON via SWATOW & CANTON...	NAGOYA	Brit. str.	—	W. H. Swamy, R.N.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 1st Jan., at Noon.
LONDON & SINGAPORE via PENANG, COLOMBO, & MARSHALLS...	NAGOYA	Brit. str.	—	W. H. Swamy, R.N.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	On 1st Jan., at Noon.
MARSHALLS via SWATOW & CANTON...	FUSHIMI MARU	Jap. str.	—	Trisawa	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 30th inst., at 10 A.M.
MARSHALLS via SWATOW & CANTON...	NEHA	Brit. str.	—	Vallat	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	To-morrow, at 1 P.M.
VICTORIA, B.C., & TACOMA via KIDONG & JAPAN...	CANADA MARU	Jap. str.	—	Deguchi	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at Noon.
VICTORIA, B.C., & TACOMA via KIDONG & JAPAN...	CHALISTE	Brit. str.	—	H. Yamamoto	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 5th Jan., at 3 P.M.
VICTORIA, B.C., & TACOMA via KIDONG & JAPAN...	CHALISTE	Brit. str.	—	T. Hamada	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 16th Jan.
NEW YORK via PANAMA CANAL...	CHALISTE	Brit. str.	—	A. Zedler	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 28th Jan., at 3 P.M.
SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI & JAPAN, &c...	CHALISTE	Brit. str.	—	A. Zedler	DODWELL & Co., Ltd.	About 30th inst.
SAN FRANCISCO via SHANGHAI & JAPAN, &c...	CHALISTE	Brit. str.	—	A. Zedler	PACIFIC MAIL S.S. Co.	To-morrow, at 1 P.M.
SAN FRANCISCO via MANILA & JAPAN, &c...	CHALISTE	Brit. str.	—	A. Zedler	TOKYO KISEN KAISHA	On 5th Jan., at Noon.
MEXICAN, PANAMA & CHILE Ports via JAPAN...	CHALISTE	Brit. str.	—	A. Zedler	PACIFIC MAIL S.S. Co.	On 19th Jan., at Noon.
AUSTRALIAN PORTS via MANILA...	CHALISTE	Brit. str.	—	A. Zedler	TOKYO KISEN KAISHA	On 9th Jan.
DELAGO BAY, DURBAN, EAST LONDON, &c...	CHALISTE	Brit. str.	—	A. Zedler	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 13th Jan., at Noon.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA...	CHALISTE	Brit. str.	—	A. Zedler	GIBB, LIVINGSTON & Co.	On 28th Jan., at 11 A.M.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA...	CHALISTE	Brit. str.	—	A. Zedler	THE BANK LINE, LIMITED	To-day
KOBE & YOKOHAMA...	CHALISTE	Brit. str.	—	A. Zedler	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	Quick despatch.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA...	CHALISTE	Brit. str.	—	A. Zedler	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 31st inst.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA...	CHALISTE	Brit. str.	—	A. Zedler	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 1st Jan., at 11 A.M.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA...	CHALISTE	Brit. str.	—	A. Zedler	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 3rd Jan., at 11 A.M.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA...	CHALISTE	Brit. str.	—	A. Zedler	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 13th Jan., at 5 P.M.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA...	CHALISTE	Brit. str.	—	A. Zedler	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA...	CHALISTE	Brit. str.	—	A. Zedler	MESSAGERIES MARITIMES	On 30th inst., at 10 A.M.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA...	CHALISTE	Brit. str.	—	A. Zedler	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 31st inst.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA...	CHALISTE	Brit. str.	—	A. Zedler	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 31st inst.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA...	CHALISTE	Brit. str.	—	A. Zedler	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 31st inst., at 4 P.M.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA...	CHALISTE	Brit. str.	—	A. Zedler	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 1st Jan., at 11 A.M.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA...	CHALISTE	Brit. str.	—	A. Zedler	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About 1st Jan.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA...	CHALISTE	Brit. str.	—	A. Zedler	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 3rd Jan., at 11 A.M.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA...	CHALISTE	Brit. str.	—	A. Zedler	DAVID SASSON & Co., Ltd.	On 19th Jan.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA...	CHALISTE	Brit. str.	—	A. Zedler	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	Quick despatch.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA...	CHALISTE	Brit. str.	—	A. Zedler	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 2nd Jan., at Noon.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA...	CHALISTE	Brit. str.	—	A. Zedler	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	On 3rd Jan., at 10 A.M.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA...	CHALISTE	Brit. str.	—	A. Zedler	DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.	To-morrow, at 1 P.M.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA...	CHALISTE	Brit. str.	—	A. Zedler	DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.	On 1st Jan., at 1 P.M.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA...	CHALISTE	Brit. str.	—	A. Zedler	DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.	On 5th Jan., at 1 P.M.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA...	CHALISTE	Brit. str.	—	A. Zedler	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	To-day, at 3 P.M.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA...	CHALISTE	Brit. str.	—	A. Zedler	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	To-morrow, at 4 P.M.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA...	CHALISTE	Brit. str.	—	A. Zedler	BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE	On 30th inst., at 3 P.M.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA...	CHALISTE	Brit. str.	—	A. Zedler	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 2nd Jan., at 3 P.M.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA...	CHALISTE	Brit. str.	—	A. Zedler	JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE	Quick despatch.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA...	CHALISTE	Brit. str.	—	A. Zedler	OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA	To-morrow, at Daylight.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA...	CHALISTE	Brit. str.	—	A. Zedler	NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA	On 30th inst.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA...	CHALISTE	Brit. str.	—	A. Zedler	THE BANK LINE, LTD.	End February.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA...	CHALISTE	Brit. str.	—	A. Zedler	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 5th Jan., at 3 P.M.
KOBE & YOKOHAMA...	CHALISTE	Brit. str.	—	A. Zedler	JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Ltd.	On 30th inst., at 8 A.M.

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	VIA QUEBEC	VIA NEW YORK
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For further particulars, apply to E. A. HEWETT, Superintendent, Hongkong, 18th December, 1914. [1]

SHIPPING IN PORT

ANNA, Norwegian str., 1,017, A. Arntzen, 24th December—Kohsichang 16th December, Rice.—Thoresen & Co.

BANAI MARU, Japanese str., 2,388, P. Saga, 16th December—Balk Papan 16th December, General.—Doddwell & Co.

BENAWANG, British str., 2,150, H. W. Bee, 22nd December—London 11th November, General.—Gibb, Livingston & Co.

CHANGCHOW, British str., 1,805, G. Morse, 22nd December—Bangkok, General.—Butterfield & Swire.

CHERKIAN, British str., 1,313, P. H. Cowan, 21st December—Swatow 20th December, Ballast.—Butterfield & Swire.

CHROYANG, British str., 1,424, Courtney, 23rd December—Swatow 22nd December, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

DERWENT, British str., 1,562, John Jenkins, 18th December—Saigon 14th December, Rice.—Chinese.

HONG WAI, British str., 2,060, Mason, 18th December—Rangoon 30th November, General.—Chinese.

HUICHOW, British str., 1,216, Shane, 24th December—Hoihow 23rd December, General.—Butterfield & Swire.

IRISH MONARCH, British str., 2,792, R. Potter, 19th December—New York, Case Oil.—Standard Oil Co.

KWANGTSE, Chinese str., 2,135, Sangster, 20th December—Shanghai 18th December, General.—Chinese.

MIYAGISHI MARU, Japanese str., 1,762, K. Minakata, 22nd December—Bangkok 9th December, Rice.—Chinese.

PATIAN, British str., 3,165, E. Chaplin, 19th December—Singapore 11th December, General.—Doddwell & Co.

PATELLA, British str., 3,011, J. R. Nabot, 24th December—Singapore 17th December, Bulk Oil.—Asiatic Petroleum Co.

RIOJUN MARU, Japanese str., 2,979, 24th December—Keelung 21st December, General.—Doddwell & Co.

SALAHADJI, Dutch str., 1,239, Luberg, 23rd December—Shanghai 19th December, Ballast.—Asiatic Petroleum Co.

SHIDZUOKA MARU, Japanese str., 4,072, M. Deguchi, 20th December—Shanghai 17th December, Flour and General.—Nippon Yusen Kaisha.

SUNOKIANG, British str., 937, J. Robinson, 23rd December—Haiphong 20th December, General.—Butterfield & Swire.

TAIWAN MARU, Japanese str., 1,145, H. Sakai, 19th December—Kwang Yen 18th December, Cement Stone.—Order.

TAKAOSAN MARU, Japanese str., 1,331, Gillespie, 19th December—Hong Kong 16th December, Coal.—Order.

TAMING, British str., 1,350, G. H. Penna, 24th December—Manila 21st December, General.—Butterfield & Swire.

WIMBLEDON, British str., 2,436, J. Cantell, 21st December—Suva 20th November, Nil.—Admiralty.

YATSHING, British str., 1,424, Meyerick, 24th December—Yokohama 18th December, General.—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

YONGOW, British str., 1,206, H. Sommer, 24th December—Shanghai 21st December, General.—Butterfield & Swire.

YUSUN, Chinese str., 1,097, Legge, 24th December—Tientsin 17th December, General.—Chinese.

INDO-CHINA S. NAV. CO., LTD.

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FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MANILA	"YUENSANG"	Monday, 23rd Dec., 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"CHOYSANG"	Tuesday, 23rd Dec., D'light.
HAIPHONG	"LOKSANG"	Wednesday, 30th Dec., 8 A.M.
SHANGHAI	"KWONGSANG"	Friday, 1st Jan., D'light.
SHANGHAI	"LOONGSANG"	Saturday, 2nd Jan., 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"LIENSANG"	Sunday, 3rd Jan., D'light.
KOBE	"TAUSANG"	Sunday, 3rd Jan., D'light.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	"NAMSANG"	Tuesday, 5th Jan., 3 P.M.

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Hongkong, 24th December, 1914. [140]

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS
SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, NILE and YOKOHAMA	ARCADIA Capt. H. Powell	About 31st Dec.	Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI	ARCADIA Capt. S. Latham	About 1st Jan.	Freight and Passage.
LONDON VIA USUAL PORTS OF CALL	NAGOYA Capt. W. H. Sweny, R.N.R.	Noon, 1st Jan.	See Special Advertisement.
LONDON VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID, and MARSEILLES	NAGOYA Capt. W. H. Sweny, R.N.R.	Noon, 1st Jan.	Freight and Passage.

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E. A. HEWITT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 28th December, 1914.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"KANGCHOW"	On 29th Dec., 4 P.M.
MANILA, CEBU and ILOILO	"TAMING"	On 29th Dec., 4 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"HUICHOW"	On 30th Dec., 3 P.M.
SHANGHAI	"LUOHOW"	On 31st Dec., 4 P.M.

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(Occupying 9 to 10 Days).

STEAMSHIP	CAPTAIN	LEAVING
"HAICHING"	Capt. W. C. Passmore	TUESDAY, 28th Dec., at 1 P.M.
"HAIYANG"	Capt. A. E. Hodgins	FRIDAY, 1st Jan., at 1 P.M.
"HAITAN"	Capt. J. W. Evans	TUESDAY, 5th Jan., at 1 P.M.

FOR SWATOW AND RETURN.

(Occupying 3 Days).

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Hongkong, 28th December, 1914.

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MAIL SCHEDULE (SUBJECT TO MODIFICATION).

STEAMER	ARRIVE HONGKONG FROM AUSTRALIA	LEAVE HONGKONG FOR AUSTRALIA
ALDENHAM	2nd Jan.	On 29th Jan., 11 A.M.

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Hongkong, 25th December, 1914.

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VIA SHANGHAI, MANILA, THE INLAND SEA, JAPAN AND HONOLULU.

Sailings from Hongkong—Subject to Change Without Notice

Steamer	Displacement Tons and Speed.	Leave Hongkong.
CHIYO MARU	22,000—21 knots	TUES., 5th Jan.
TENYO MARU	22,000—21 knots	TUES., 26th Jan.
NIPPON MARU	11,000—18 knots	TUESDAY, 9th Feb.
SHINYO MARU	22,000—21 knots	TUES., 23rd Feb.

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KIYO MARU	17,200—15 knots	Saturday, 9th Jan.

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Steamer	Captain	Leaving
"CANADA MARU"	H. Yamamoto	WEDNESDAY, 6th Jan., at 3 P.M.
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FOR FOOCHOW VIA SWATOW AND AMOY.

Steamer	Captain	Leaving
"KAISO MARU"	Y. Yamamoto	SATURDAY, 2nd Jan., at Noon.

FOR TAMSUI VIA SWATOW AND AMOY.

Steamer	Captain	Leaving
"DAIGI MARU"	S. Tokushige	SUNDAY, 3rd Jan., at 10 A.M.
"DAIUN MARU"	K. Murakami	SUNDAY, 10th Jan., at 10 A.M.

FOR ANPING AND TAKAO VIA SWATOW AND AMOY.

Steamer	Captain	Leaving
"BOSIU MARU"	K. Hattori	

These Steamers of Coast and Formosa Line have Excellent accommodation for First Class Passengers and are fitted with Electric Light and Fans.

These Steamers will arrive at and depart from Sora Yip Wharf (near the Harbour Office).

For FURTHER INFORMATION, apply to

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MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

FRENCH MAIL LINES.

FORTNIGHTLY SERVICE TO AND FROM JAPAN
VIA SHANGHAI.

FORTNIGHTLY SERVICE TO AND FROM EUROPE
VIA SUEZ CANAL.

FOR	STEAMER	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	DUMBEA	On 30th Dec., at 10 A.M.
MARSEILLES VIA PORTS	NERA	On 29th Dec., at 1 P.M.

ALL STEAMERS FITTED WITH WIRELESS.

TRANSHIPMENT on the Co's Steamers at COLOMBO for CALCUTTA (every four weeks), also at PORT SAID for the LEVANT, CONSTANTINOPLE and BLACK SEA.
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PROPOSED SAILINGS OF MAIL STEAMERS

MARSEILLES AND LONDON

TAKING PASSENGERS ALSO FOR
COLOMBO, INDIA, AUSTRALASIA, EGYPT, &c.
THROUGH TICKETS ISSUED TO BOSTON AND NEW YORK.

Connecting Steamer leaves YOKOHAMA	Steamers to COLOMBO.	Leave SHANGHAI	Leave HONGKONG	Connecting Steamer from COLOMBO to MARSEILLES and LONDON	Due at MARSEILLES	Due at LONDON
Dec. 17	NAGOYA	Dec. 28	Noon	MOREA	Friday	Thursday
Jan. 4	ARCADIA	Jan. 11	11	MALOA	Jan. 30	Jan. 5
Jan. 18	NUBIA	Jan. 21	11	MONTANA	Feb. 13	Feb. 19
Mar. 1	ORIENTAL	Feb. 8	Feb. 1	MOLDAVIA	Mar. 27	Mar. 5
Mar. 1	MALTA	Feb. 23	Feb. 27	EGYPT	Mar. 13	Mar. 19
Mar. 29	SARDINIA	Mar. 8	Mar. 12	MEDINA	Apr. 10	Apr. 16
Mar. 29	NUBIA	Mar. 22	Mar. 25	MONGOLIA	Apr. 24	Apr. 30
Apr. 12	ORIENTAL	Apr. 5	Apr. 9	MALWA	May 8	May 14
Apr. 12	MALTA	Apr. 20	Apr. 24	MOREA	May 22	May 28
	SARDINIA	May 3	May 7	MALOA	June 5	June 11

THE ATTENTION of Passengers is drawn to the ACCELERATED ARRIVAL of the Mail Steamers at Marseilles, Plymouth and London. These vessels will now arrive in Marseilles on Friday, and London on the following Friday.
Passengers change Steamers at COLOMBO.
Accommodation in the connecting Steamer from COLOMBO is definitely reserved in Hongkong at the time of Booking.

FARES:

The Fares to London and Marseilles are as follows:—

	1st Saloon	2nd Saloon	Accommodation	Single	Return
LONDON	£55	£29	£24	£20	£37
MARSEILLES	£61	£25	£22	£18	£31

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE MAIL STEAMERS

INTERMEDIATE (NON-TRANSHIPMENT) STEAMERS WILL LEAVE FOR

LONDON

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PROPOSED SAILINGS:

STEAMERS	Leave YOKOHAMA	Leave SHANGHAI	Leave HONGKONG	Leave SINGAPORE	Leave MARSEILLES	Leave LONDON
NAGOYA	about Dec. 17	about Dec. 28	about Jan. 1	about Jan. 8	about Feb. 3	about Feb. 11
NANKIN	Jan. 4	Jan. 15	Jan. 20	Jan. 26	Feb. 22	Mar. 3
NILE	Jan. 19	Jan. 29	Feb. 3	Feb. 9	Mar. 8	Mar. 17
NAMUR	Mar. 2	Mar. 12	Mar. 17	Mar. 23	Apr. 20	Apr. 29
NORE	Mar. 29	Apr. 9	Apr. 14	Apr. 20	May 18	May 27
NELLORE	Apr. 12	Apr. 25	Apr. 28	May 4	June 1	June 10
NAGOYA	May 10	May 21	May 26	June 1	June 29	July 8

These Steamers call also at PORT SWETTENHAM, PENANG and COLOMBO

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FARES TO MARSEILLES: 1st Saloon £46 Single; 2nd Saloon £33 Single.

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SUPERINTENDENT.

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THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—

SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

DESTINATIONS	STEAMERS AND DISPLACEMENT	TONS	SAILING DATES
MARSHILLES and LONDON	FUSHIMI MARU Capt. Terada	25,000	WEDNESDAY, 30th Dec., at 10 A.M.
VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, SUEZ and PORT SAID	HIRANO MARU Capt. Fraser	16,000	WEDNESDAY, 13th Jan., at 10 A.M.
VICTORIA, B.C., and SEATTLE VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE, YOKKAICHI and YOKOHAMA	SHIDZUOKA MARU Capt. Deguchi	12,500	TUESDAY, 29th Dec., at Noon.
SYDNEY and MELBOURNE VIA MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	TAMBA MARU Capt. Nagasawa	12,500	TUESDAY, 12th Jan., at Noon.
	NIKKO MARU Capt. R. Takeida	9,600	WEDNESDAY, 13th Jan., at Noon.
JALOUTTA VIA SINGAPORE, PENANG and BANGKOK	HITACHI MARU Capt. Soyeda	13,500	WEDNESDAY, 10th Feb., at Noon.
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE, and COLOMBO	RANGOON MARU Capt. Nomura	10,000	WEDNESDAY, 30th Dec.,
KOBE	JINSEN MARU Capt. Terada	5,000	THURSDAY, 31st Dec.,
SHANGHAI and KOBE	HAKATA MARU Capt. Kawashima	1250	THURSDAY, 31st Dec.,
NAGASAKI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	HITACHI MARU Capt. Sato	13,500	WEDNESDAY, 13th Jan., at 5 P.M.
KOBE and YOKOHAMA	KAMO MARU Capt. Shimizu	16,000	FRIDAY, 1st Jan., at 11 A.M.

Wireless Telegraphy.

PASSENGER SEASON FOR 1915.

FOR EUROPE.

Steamers	Displacement	Leave Hongkong
KATORI MARU	20,000 Tons	Thurs., 28th Jan.
KAMO	16,000	11th Feb.
KASHIMA	20,000	25th Feb.
MISHIMA	16,000	11th Mar.
SUWA	25,000	25th Mar.
ATSUTA	16,000	8th Apr.
YASAKI	25,000	22nd Apr.
MIYASAKI	16,000	6th May.
KITANO	16,000	20th May.
FUSHIMI	25,000	3rd June.

FOR AMERICA.

Steamers	Displacement	Leave Hongkong
AKI MARU	12,500 Tons	Tues., 26th Jan.
SAFO	12,500	5th Feb.
YOKOHAMA	12,500	23rd Feb.
AWA	12,500	9th Mar.
SHIDZUOKA	12,500	23rd Mar.
TAMBA	12,500	6th Apr.
AKI	12,500	20th Apr.
SADO	12,500	4th May.

For Further Information as to Freight, Sailing, &c., apply to—

T. KUSUMOTO, MANAGER.

TELEPHONE Nos. 292 and 1241

18-9-10

POST OFFICE NOTICE.

SHIPS' LETTER BOXES.

- It is hereby notified that during the continuance of the War all outgoing correspondence must be posted at the General Post Office or at any of its Branch Offices.
- Ships' Officers are strictly forbidden to receive on board their vessels any correspondence from the Public.
- Shipmasters are not allowed to place or expose on board their vessels letter boxes for the purpose of collecting correspondence; all such boxes found exposed on board their vessels will be removed and returned to the General Post Office.
- Shipping Companies must not receive from the Public for inclusion in their ships' Papers any but bona fide Consignees' letters which should be left open for inspection when required.
- Shipping Companies should state in their notifications to the Post Office the exact hour of departure of their vessels in order that the public may have every facility for posting at the General Post Office.
- Shipping Companies and Ships' Officers must send to the Post Office ALL correspondence except bona fide Consignees' letters posted in the Ships' Letter Boxes or received by Ship Officers at the ports from which they sailed, or anywhere en route to Hongkong.
- The above regulations will not affect the licensed Private Letter Boxes carried between Hongkong and Canton by the vessels belonging to or managed by the Hongkong, Canton and Mosoo Steamboat Co.

War risks are not covered by Postal Registration or Insurance.

Correspondence (including parcels) is being despatched as opportunity offers; but all Services are irregular and uncertain and all correspondence is liable to delay.

The Parcel Post Service to France is suspended until further notice.

The Parcel Post and Insured Letter system to Brazil is suspended.

Notice is given that although every possible precaution is taken to secure the safety of all postal packets whilst in the custody of the Post Office the Postmaster-General cannot give compensation for any loss or damage which may be due to the act of the King's enemies. Until further notice no Letters, Boxes, Parcels for Belgium, Brazil, Crete or Montenegro and no Letters, Boxes or Parcels for Malta can be accepted for insurance.

The Parcel Post Service to the United Kingdom is in full working order in both directions by the long sea route.

The Parcel Post Service to Egypt and certain countries mentioned served by Egypt is resumed for ordinary parcels only:—

Crete, Cyprus, Greece, Italy, Algeria, Tunis, Switzerland and (Libya) Tripoli.

The Services to Germany, Austria, and their Colonies, and to the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

Unregistered Letters and Post Cards may now be sent to Tsingtau.

The Public are informed that the s.s. *Alle* has been sunk in the North Sea. This steamer had on board the Mails from London via Siberia dated 6th and 7th of November, 1914, destined for Hongkong and the British Postal Agencies in China. There is no notification of the recovery of the Mail.

NEW YEAR'S HOLIDAYS.

On Friday, the 1st, and Saturday, the 2nd January, the Post Office will be open from 8 to 9 a.m.

In the event of the arrival of the English Mail from Europe the Post Office will be open for one hour for the delivery thereof.

There will be one delivery of ordinary correspondence and one collection of letters each day as on Sunday.

There will be a delivery of Registered correspondence during the morning of the 2nd January.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed during the Holidays.

The *Nova*, with the MAIL FROM LONDON (via Siberia), of Friday, the 27th ult., is due to arrive here to-day.

The *Dumbca*, with the FRENCH MAIL, is expected to arrive here to-morrow, at 3 p.m.

FOR	PER	DATE
Philippine Islands	Fuzhang ...	Monday, 28th, 2.00 P.M.
Philippine Islands	Bushow ...	Monday, 28th, 3.00 P.M.
Straits, Ceylon and India via Bombay ...	Luzon Maru	Monday, 28th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai and North China	Choyang ...	Monday, 28th, 4.00 P.M.
Shanghai, North China and Japan via Moji, Yokohama, B.C., Tacoma and United Kingdom via Canada	Shidzuoka Maru	Tuesday, 29th, 9.30 A.M.
SARAWAK, STRAITS, BURMAH, CEYLON, ADELARDE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT AND EUROPE ...	Nera ...	Tuesday, 29th, 10.15 A.M.
(Late Letters 11.00 A.M. to Noon, Extra Postage 10 cents.)	Registration ...	Registration with late fee of 10 cents up to 11.00 A.M.
(Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)	Registration, Kowloon B.O. ...	9.30 A.M.
SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA, JAPAN VIA NAGASAKI, HONOLULU, UNITED STATES, CANADA via SAN FRANCISCO ...	Siberia ...	Tuesday, 29th, 11.00 A.M.
(Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)	Registration ...	Registration with late fee of 10 cents up to 11.00 A.M.
[Thames-Park Service Shanghai Brit. P.O. Friday, 1st Jan.]		
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Hatching ...	Tuesday, 29th, 1.00 P.M.
Shanghai and North China	Ranchow ...	Tuesday, 29th, 3.00 P.M.
Philippine Islands	Taming ...	Tuesday, 29th, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai, North China and Japan via Kobe Straits, Colombo, Suez, Portland, Marseilles and United Kingdom	Dumbca ...	Wednesday, 30th, 9.00 A.M.
Swatow	Fushimi Maru ...	Wednesday, 30th, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai and North China	Haiman ...	Wednesday, 30th, 1.00 P.M.
	Luchow ...	Thursday, 31st, 3.00 P.M.
		— JANUARY, 1915 —
Philippine Is., Australia, Tasmania, New Zealand via Port Darwin and New Guinea via Thursday Island	Changsha ...	Friday, 8th, 11.00 A.M.
SAIGON, STRAITS, BURMAH, CEYLON, ADELARDE, WESTERN AUSTRALIA, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT AND EUROPE ...		Tuesday, 12th, 10.00 A.M.
(Late Letters 11.00 A.M. to Noon, Extra Postage 10 cents.)	Registration ...	Registration with late fee of 10 cents up to 10.30 A.M.
(Letters posted in all the Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)	Registration, Kowloon B.O. ...	9.30 A.M.
	Letters ...	11.00 A.M.

LOCAL AND REGULAR MAILS.

FOR	ON WEEK-DAYS	ON SUNDAYS & HOLIDAYS
Tai Po	10.00 A.M.	9.00 A.M.
Chung Chow (Long Island)	4.00 P.M.	—
Shatsukok, Shatin and Sheungshui ...	2.00 P.M.	—
Aberdeen, Antau, Ping Shan, Sai Kung, Santin, Stanley and Tai O	4.00 P.M.	—
Canton, Wuchow and San Shui	7.30 A.M.	4.00 P.M.
	4.00 P.M.	—
	Except Saturdays	—
Macao	7.15 A.M.	5 P.M., Saturdays for despatch on Sundays.
	1.30 P.M.	—
Kamohuk and Kongmoon	4.00 P.M.	4.00 P.M.
	Except Saturdays	—
Nantau and Sammei	4.00 P.M.	4.00 P.M.
Shamshun	10.00 A.M.	9.00 A.M.
	4.00 P.M.	—

REGISTRATION—Correspondence can be registered for Mails to Europe, Canada and America up to an hour before the time of closing. Registered mails to Shanghai, Japan, Straits, India, Manila and the Coast Ports of China by other than contract steamers closed a quarter of an hour before the ordinary mail.

For Registration late fee by contract Packets, see time of closing above.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

ON	DECEMBER 28th
Telegraphic Transfer	195
Bank Bills, on demand	195
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	195
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	195
Credit, at 4 months' sight	195
Telegraphic Transfer	195
ON LONDON	
Bank Bills, on demand	224
Credit, at 4 months' sight	232
ON GERMANY	
On demand	nom.
ON NEW YORK	
Bank Bills, on demand	414
Credit, at 60 days' sight	nom.
ON HONGKONG	
Telegraphic Transfer	nom.
Bank, on demand	133
ON SHANGHAI	
Bank, at sight	78
Private, 30 days' sight	nom.
ON YOKOHAMA	
On demand	67
ON MANILA	
On demand	67
ON SINGAPORE	
On demand	75
ON BATAVIA	
On demand	107
ON HAITHONG	
On demand	6 1/2 p.m.
ON SAIGON	
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TO-DAY.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of A. Valuable Collection of Antique China and Curios at Sales Rooms, by Mr. Geo. P. Lammert.

3 p.m.—Auction of Right to Quarry Stone, by Public Works Dept.

TO-MORROW.

Noon—Annual Sports of the Ellis Kadoorie College at the Happy Valley.

2.30 p.m.—Auction of A. Valuable Collection of Antique China and Curios at Sales Rooms, by Mr. Geo. P. Lammert.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

Friday, 1st Jan.—New Year Day—Public Holiday.

Saturday, 2nd Jan.—9.15 p.m.—A.D.C. at the Theatre Royal.—“Snowwhite and the Frog Prince.”

Wednesday, 6th Jan.—A.D.C. at the Theatre Royal.—“Snowwhite and the Frog Prince.”

Saturday, 30th Jan.—3 p.m.—A Garden Fête in the grounds of the University.

SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, 24th DECEMBER, 1914.

STOCKS.	NO. OF SHARES.	VALUE.	PAID UP.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.	RETURN ON BASIS OF LAST DIV'D.
BANKS—					
Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Corporation	120,000	\$125	all	\$750, sales	
China Borneo Company, Limited	60,000	\$12	all	\$101, buyers	
China Light and Power Company, Ltd.	50,000	\$5	all	\$4, sellers	
China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$10	all	\$74, buyers	
CORPORATIONS—					
Two Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	80,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 117	
Hongkong Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	125,000	\$10	all	\$7, sellers	
(In Liquidation)					
Dairy Farm Company, Limited	40,000	\$74	all	\$35, sellers	
DOCKS AND WHARVES—					
H'kong & Kowloon Wharf & G. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$50	all	\$74, sellers	
H'kong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$50	all	\$59	
New Amoy Dock Co., Limited	10,000	\$63	all		
Sh'hai Dock and Engineering Co., Ltd.	55,700	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 65	
Sh'hai and Hongkew Wharf Co., Ltd.	36,000	Tls. 100	all	Tls. 65	
Green Island Cement Co., Limited	400,000	\$10	all	\$5, buyers	
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	60,000	\$10	all	\$35, buyers	
Hongkong Hotel Company, Limited	20,000	\$50	all	\$120, buyers	
Hongkong Ice Company, Limited	5,000	\$25	all	\$195, buyers	
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$10	all	\$25	
H'kong & South China Steamship Co., Ltd.	15,000	\$5	all	\$2	
Hongkong Steel Foundry Co., Ltd.	15,000	\$10	all	\$10	
Hongkong Tramway Co., Ltd.	325,000	\$1	all	\$5.10, buyers	
INSURANCES—					
Canton Insurance Office Co., Limited	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$345, sellers	
China Fire Insurance Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	\$20	\$149	
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$335, sal. & sel.	
North China Insurance Co., Limited	10,000	\$15	\$5	Tls. 145	
Union Insurance Society, Limited	12,400	\$250	\$100	\$750, buyers	
Yangtze Insurance Association, Ltd.	12,000	\$100	\$50	\$300	
LANDS AND BUILDINGS—					
H'kong Land Invest. Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	all	\$114, sellers	
Hongkong Central Estate, Ltd.	10,000	\$100	all	\$100	
Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd.	25,000	\$100	\$75	\$200	
Hampshire Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$10	all	\$71	
Kowloon Land and Building Co., Ltd.	6,000	\$50	\$30	\$44	
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd.	78,000	Tls. 50	all	Tls. 71	
West Point Building Co., Limited	12,500	\$50	all	\$71	
Meatshoppi tot Mij, Bochen	250,000	Gds. 10	all	Tls. 31, buyers	
Landhouse exploitation in Langkat					
Mining—					
Chinese Engineering and M. Co., Ltd.	1,000,000	\$1	all	25/6, r. div.	
Heavwood Tin and Rubber Estate, Ltd.	822,000	\$1	all	2/6	
Ran Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	\$1	all	\$2.20, buyers	
Tonoh Mines, Limited	160,000	\$1	all	25/6	
Peak Tramways Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	all	\$10	
Philippine Co., Limited	75,000	\$10	all	\$5	
Palapa et Papeteries de Tonkin Societe de	13,200	\$50	all	\$20	
RAFFINERIES—					
China Sugar Refining Co., Limited	20,000	\$100	all	\$77	
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Limited	7,000	\$100	all	\$17	
SEAMSHIP COMPANIES—					
China and Manila Steamship Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$25	all	\$54, buyers	
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$50	all	\$30	
H'kong, Canton & Mosoo S.B. Co., Ltd.	25,000	\$15	all	\$22, sellers	
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd.	60,000 pref.	\$25	all	\$55, buyers	
60,000 def.					
Shanghai Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	2,500,000	\$1	all	75/-, buyers	
Sing Fong Company, Limited	40,000	\$10	all	\$40	
South China Morning Post, Limited	5,000	\$25	all	\$23	
Steam Laundry Company, Limited	20,000	\$5	all	\$44, sellers	
STORES AND DISPENSARIES—					
Powell, Wm., Limited	15,000	\$7	all	\$7, sellers	
Watson & Co., A. S. Limited	4,000	\$10	all	\$7	
Union Waterworks Co., Limited	50,000	\$10	all	\$18	

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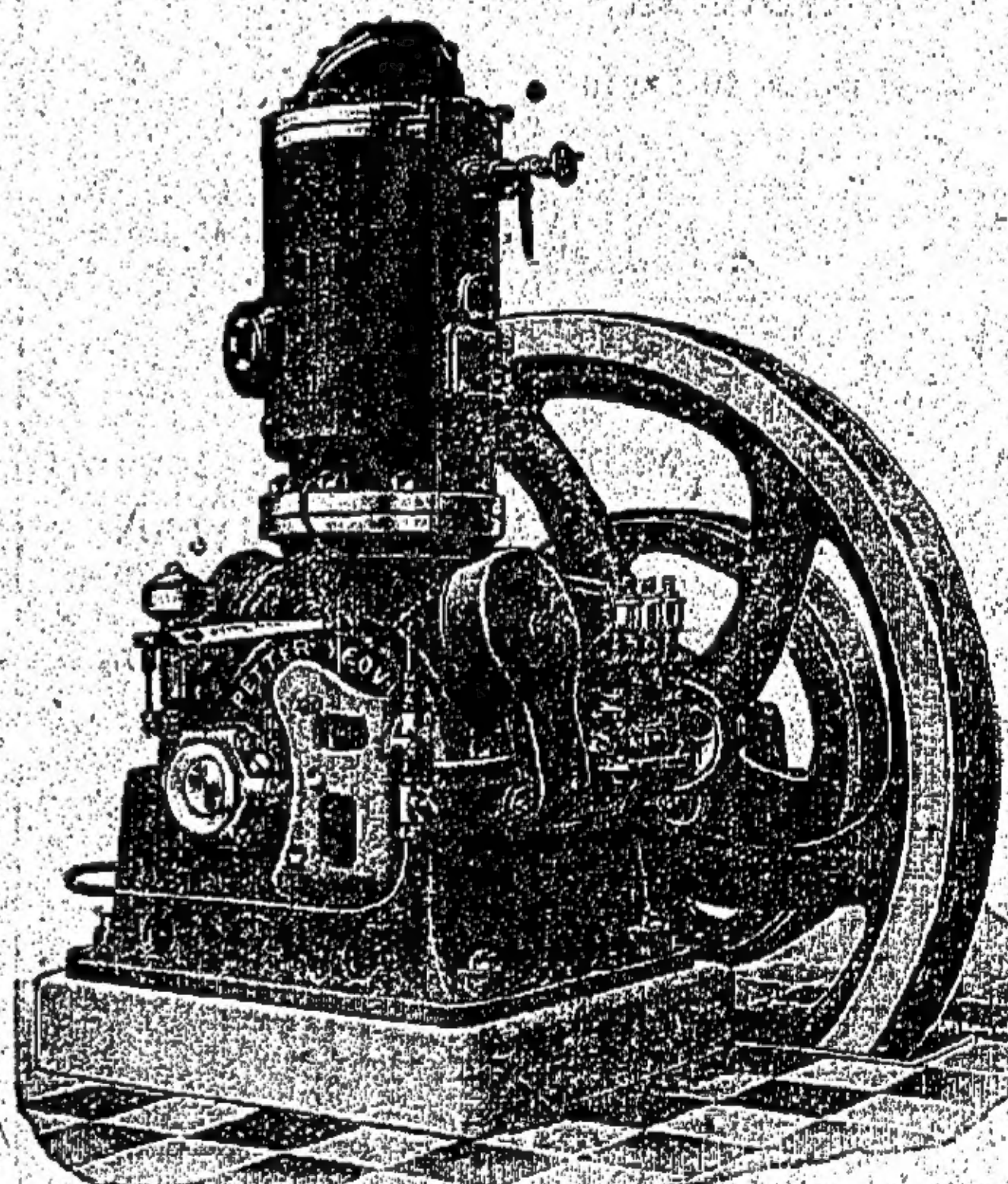
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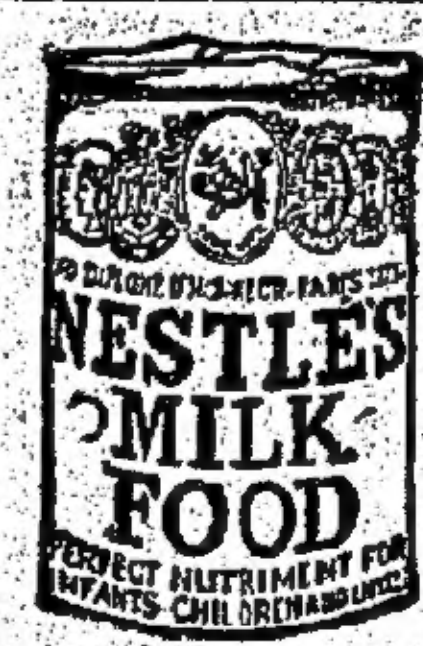


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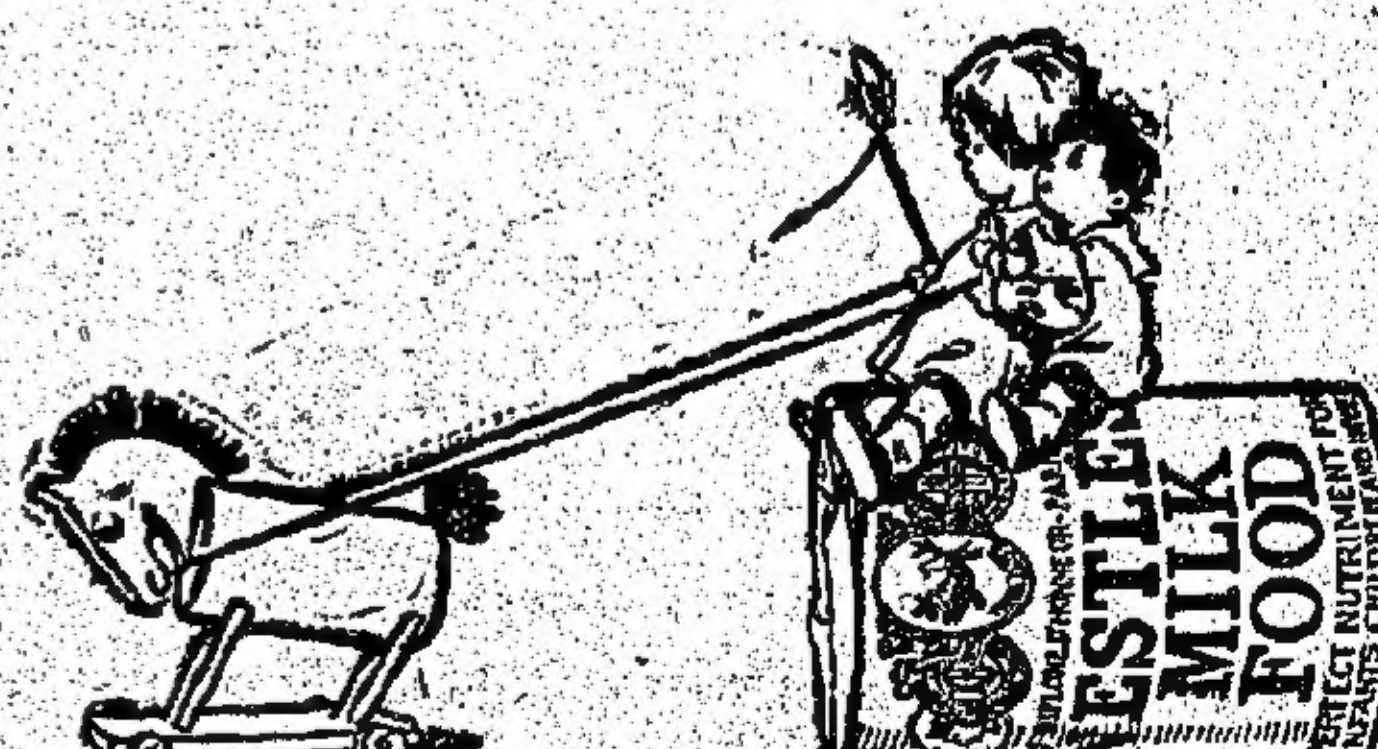
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